that in the present application, Applicants are claiming priority to prior application no. 09/403,741, which itself was filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371 as the national stage of international application No. PCT/FR99/00467, which in turn also claimed priority to French application No. 98 02493. Applicants have amended the specification to clearly set forth this claim to priority. Acknowledgment of the claims to priority in the present application is requested.

Claims 1-6, 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a or e) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious, in part over U.S. Patent No. 6,054,401 to Sugiura *et al.* ("Sugiura") and U.S. Patent No. 5,990,023 to Siedel *et al.* ("Siedel"), each taken alone.

Sugiura and Siedel are not prior art to the present application. The present application has a PCT international filing date of March 2, 1999, and claims priority to French application no. 98/02493, filed March 2, 1998. Thus, the rejection based on Sugiura and Siedel should be withdrawn. *See* 35 U.S.C. §§ 119, 365. Applicants have submitted herewith a translation of French application No. 98 02493, from which priority is being claimed in this application, attached hereto as Exhibit C, along with a certified copy thereof, attached hereto as Exhibit D.

With respect to the remaining rejections over U.S. Patent No. 5,858,897 to Maeda *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 5,362,689 to Morimoto *et al.*, and U.S. Patent No. 5,618,763 to Frank *et al.*, applicants incorporate herein the arguments previously presented in an Amendment dated October 28, 2002.

A Notice of Appeal is being filed concurrently herewith.

A fee for an extension of time is believed to be due for this submission and a petition for extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith. Should any additional fees be required, please charge such fees to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

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(57) Abstract

The invention concerns a glass sheet designed to be heat tempered whereof the matrix is of silico-codo-calcic type, having an coefficient of expansion α higher than 100.10^{-7} K^{-1}, a Young's modulus of expansion E higher than 60 Gpa and a thermal conductivity K less than 0.9 W/m.K.

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L'invention a pour objet une feuille de verre destinée à être trempée thermiquement dont la matrice est du type silico-sodo-calcique, présentant un coefficient de dilatation α supérieur à 100.10^{-7} K^{-1}, un module d'Young E supérieur à 60 Gpa et une conductivité thermique K inférieure à 0.9 W/m.K.